

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday July 26 11 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Dee & Jim Baudhuin
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Thurs. July 29 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Aug 2 11 a.m. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parishioners of St Luke's

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)

You may drop your envelopes in the offertory box which is on the back table in church, or you may mail your contribution to St Luke at: PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725

PARISH PASTORAL ELECTIONS:

The Pastoral Council is the consultative body to the pastor with elected and appointed members which help define, plan, prioritize and carry out the mission of our parish.

The Pastoral Council plays a very important role in making sure our parishes stay strong. PLEASE give prayerful consideration to nominating replacements for those whose terms are expiring. Members whose terms are expiring are Dennis Hill, Lori Boesl and the open seat previously held by Ben Mrdutt. Nominations are open through July 26th and can be mailed or emailed to the office. With our limited attendance at Mass, this year's elections will take place by mail-in ballots. Ballots will be emailed or mailed out to all parishioners the week of July 27th. Please return your cast ballot by August 2nd by placing your ballot in an envelope and dropping in the offertory boxes at church on Sunday August 2nd, or mail to PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725 or email to stlukebv@yahoo.com

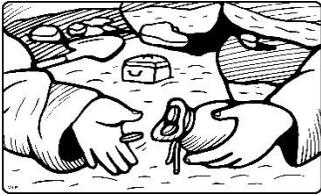
Mission Cooperative Sunday is August 2 about mission work from the Archdiocese of Juba serving South Sudan. Due to Father John's health issues, Father Amir will present the information about the missions of South Sudan

Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 30 at 7 p.m. in the church dining hall.

Daily Mass on July 30th will be switched to 6 p.m. on that day ONLY

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend: August 7-9, 2020 Retrouvaille is a program for married couples providing help with communication for those that feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. For more information go to: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-877-922-4673 with questions or to register for the next program

*O Lord,
how majestic
is your name
in all the
earth.*



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person find and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matt 13:44

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

As we celebrate 17th Sunday of ordinary time, the holy mother church encourages us to pray for wisdom as Solomon did, to enable us discern the true value and mysteries of God’s kingdom.

Today’s first reading began in a very interesting way. If you were Solomon what would you ask for? Some of us would, ask for more cars, houses, shoes, foods, money, power, children and much more! On the contrary, Solomon asked for wisdom for the benefit of both his kingdom and God’s kingdom. He begged God to give him understanding: “*Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.*”

An understanding heart is God’s gift (Prov 2:6). We need it every day, and in all aspects of our life (family, work, studies, and in all life’s decisions) in order to succeed. So, the Apostle James encourages us: “*If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously...and it will be given to you (Jas 1:5).*” Wisdom was given to Solomon, because he asked for it. However, God expects us to ask wisely, reasonably and not selfishly.

Today’s gospel is a continuation of Jesus’ use of parables to teach us about the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is a call to be as wise as Solomon. Without wisdom, we can neither understand the parables of Christ, nor seek the kingdom of God. Today’s good news is also a call to value what is most precious to us, and for which God has chosen us.

Today’s parables are intended to instruct us to prefer *the kingdom of heaven* to this world, and to ensure that nothing prevents us from entering into it. Through these parables, Christ reminds us of the excellence and beauty of eternal life. The kingdom of God is indeed a treasure hidden from the wise of this world.

Only those who are wise according to God’s standard look for it, and find it. To find it, we must first value it, and when we have found it, we must hide it in our hearts. Therefore, let us ask God for understanding and wisdom as Solomon did, so that we may be wise enough to discern what is good for us, and to make God’s kingdom our priority.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray: , David Buck - Cancer, Repose of the soul of Virgil Hill, Father of Dennis Hill, Bruce – Cancer, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Betty Jean Smith – continued recovery, Repose of the souls of Joseph Zimmerman & Kathey Santanni. Tom McAndrew – recovery from a stroke, Betty Garside – recovery from stroke, Judi Utphall – car accident, Ken Hansen – recovery from knee replacement surgery, Sue Anderson- Hip replacement Joyce Hill – recovery gall bladder surgery. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call the parish office, 715-643-3081 for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation class.

Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call or email Father Amir to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Celebrating Marriage: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Father Amir to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn more about marriage preparation.

Becoming Catholic: If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
And desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
Receive you sacramentally,
Please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
As if you were already there
And I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

July 25-26, 2020